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Atty Docket No: 407T-895710US  
Client Ref: 96-185-2

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

**GRAY, COLLINS, HWANG, GODFREY,  
KOWBEL, and ROMMENS**

Application No.: **08/731,499**

Filed: **10/16/1996**

For: **GENES FROM THE 20q13  
AMPLICON AND THEIR USES**

Examiner: Nancy Johnson

Art Unit: 1642

**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 9, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months;  
Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.